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Early Hemisphere Talks Urged By Caracas on Coups and Cuba

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—Venezuela has proposed an early series of high-level meetings to explore means to stem the rise of military-backed dictatorships in Latin America and to isolate Cuba further.

The play emerged from a visit here last week of Dr. Marcos Falcon-Briceno, the Venezuelan Foreign Minister.

Dr. Falcon-Briceno discussed his Government's views with Thomas C. Mann, the new Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, and with several Latin-American envoys here.

Venezuela wants two meetings of the Western Hemisphere's foreign ministers to be held soon to deal with the problem of strengthening constitutional governments against military coups and to cope with Cuban efforts to promote revolutions in Latin America.

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Venezuela has complained that Cuba has smuggled weapons to Venezuelans against the Government of former President

Romulo Betancourt. The charges are being investigated by a special committee of the Organization of American States.

Committee members have let it be known that they are convinced of the authenticity of the Venezuelan charges and that they expect to issue a report late this month supporting a request by Venezuela and Costa Rica for a foreign ministers' conference.

The investigation was ordered last month by the O.A.S. Council under the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, which provides for collective sanctions against a country found guilty of direct or indirect aggression.

Dr. Falcon-Briceno said in an interview that his Government did not want the Cuban issue to obscure the earlier request for a meeting of foreign ministers to determine what the inter-American organization might do to discourage the overthrow of freely elected governments. An O.A.S. committee, charged with drafting an agenda for the meeting, has been moving slowly.